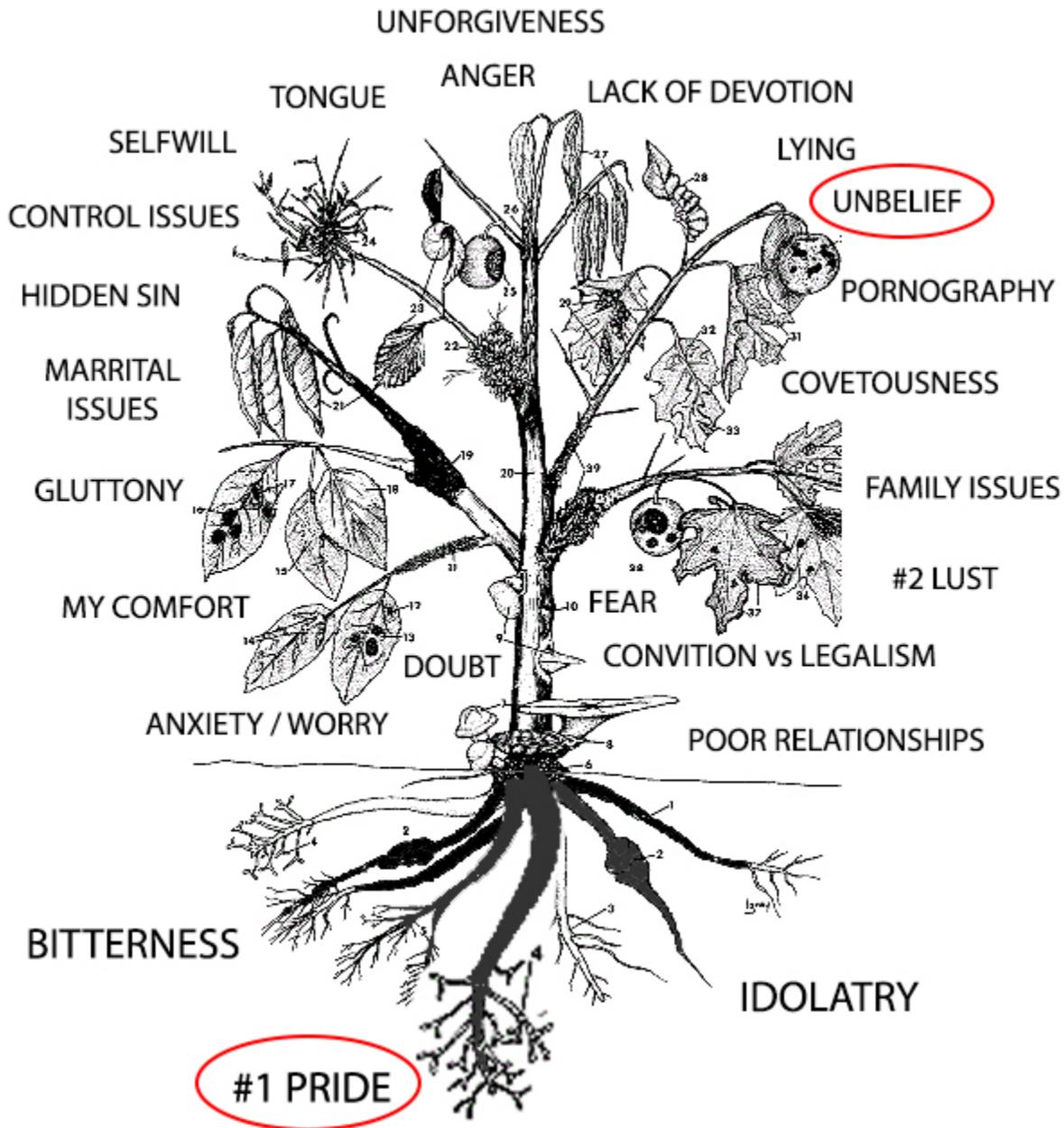


Not Uncommon to Man- Unbelief

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. John 17:17

To continue our study, we are going to start out by addressing PRIDE which was the #1 issue that was repeated as a problem for men in our poll. PRIDE is a root of the outward fleshly manifestations as referenced in the dying tree or weed as seen here and this week we'll address the manifestation of unbelief.



To address the root and what springs up from it, we have come up with 5 questions to run it through as stated here.

1. What does God say about it?
 - a. Diving into the scripture

2. What does the world say?
 - a. The culture, the flesh, the schemes of the enemy
3. How is my character affected?
 - a. Compromised, shame, self-loathing, mistrust
4. How is this affecting those closest to me?
 - a. God, The Church, wives, parents, siblings, children, co-workers
5. Do I need to change my mindset about it?
 - a. Repentance, kingdom minded, calling, goal, mission, vision

In the first study, we discussed **"The Plan"** Do we know our calling and if so does this root Pride and manifestation of **UNBELIEF** take us off that end goal/vision/mission/calling? To find out let's start with #1



“Unbelief will destroy the best of us. Faith will save the worst of us.”

- C. H. Spurgeon

#1 What does God say about it?

2 Kings 17:14-15

However, they did not listen, but stiffened their neck like their fathers, who did not believe in the LORD their God. They rejected His statutes and His covenant which He made with their fathers and His warnings with which He warned them And they followed vanity and became vain, and went after the nations which surrounded them, concerning which the LORD had commanded them not to do like them.

Psalm 78:17-19

Yet they still continued to sin against Him, To rebel against the Most High in the desert. And in their heart, they put God to the test By asking food according to their desire. Then they spoke against God; They said, "Can God prepare a table in the wilderness?"

Psalm 95:8-11

Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, As in the day of Massah in the wilderness, "When your fathers tested Me, They tried Me, though they had seen My work. "For forty years I loathed that generation, And said they are a people who err in their heart, And they do not know My ways.

Isaiah 65:1-3

¹ "I permitted Myself to be sought by those who did not ask *for Me*;

I permitted Myself to be found by those who did not seek Me.

I said, 'Here am I, here am I,'

To a nation which did not call on My name.

²"I have spread out My hands all day long to a rebellious people,

Who walk *in* the way which is not good, following their own thoughts,

³A people who continually provoke Me to My face,

Offering sacrifices in gardens and burning incense on bricks;

Acts 7:48-53

⁴⁸However, the Most High does not dwell in *houses* made by *human* hands; as the prophet says:

⁴⁹'HEAVEN IS MY THRONE,

AND EARTH IS THE FOOTSTOOL OF MY FEET;

WHAT KIND OF HOUSE WILL YOU BUILD FOR ME?' says the Lord,

'OR WHAT PLACE IS THERE FOR MY REPOSE?

⁵⁰'WAS IT NOT MY HAND WHICH MADE ALL THESE THINGS?'

⁵¹“You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Holy Spirit; you are doing just as your fathers did. ⁵²Which one of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? They killed those who had previously announced the coming of the Righteous One, whose betrayers and murderers you have now become; ⁵³you who received the law as ordained by angels, and yet did not keep it.”

Hebrews 3:12-19

¹²Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. ¹³But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still* called “Today,” so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end, ¹⁵while it is said,

“TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,
DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS, AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME.”

¹⁶For who provoked *Him* when they had heard? Indeed, did not all those who came out of Egypt *led* by Moses? ¹⁷And with whom was He angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹So we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.

Romans 4:19-22

¹⁹Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah’s womb; ²⁰yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, ²¹and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform. ²²Therefore IT WAS ALSO CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

John 5:36-39

³⁶But the testimony which I have is greater than *the testimony of John*; for the works which the Father has given Me to accomplish—the very works that I do—testify about Me, that the Father has sent Me.

³⁷And the Father who sent Me, He has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time nor seen His form. ³⁸You do not have His word abiding in you, for you do not believe Him whom He sent.

³⁹You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me;

Titus 1:12-16

¹²One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." ¹³This testimony is true. For this reason reprove them severely so that they may be sound in the faith, ¹⁴not paying attention to Jewish myths and commandments of men who turn away from the truth. ¹⁵To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled. ¹⁶They profess to know God, but by *their* deeds they deny *Him*, being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good deed.

2 Thessalonians 2:7-14

⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains *will do so* until he is taken out of the way. ⁸Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; ⁹*that is*, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, ¹⁰and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. ¹¹For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, ¹²in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.

¹³But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. ¹⁴It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Timothy 1:12-15

¹²I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. Yet I was shown mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief; ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are *found* in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost *of all*.

Psalms 78:30-33

³⁰Before they had satisfied their desire,
While their food was in their mouths,
³¹The anger of God rose against them

And killed some of their stoutest ones,
And subdued the choice men of Israel.
³²In spite of all this they still sinned
And did not believe in His wonderful works.

³³So He brought their days to an end in futility
And their years in sudden terror.

Romans 10:14-15

How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!"

#2 What does the world say?

Everything is relative!

What is Truth? That is your truth, I have my own truth.

"I'm an atheist; I suppose you can call me a sort of libertarian anarchist. I regard religion with fear and suspicion. It's not enough to say that I don't believe in God. I actually regard the system as distressing: I am offended by some of the things said in the Bible and the Koran, and I refute them." - Emma Thompson

Religion has actually convinced people that there's an invisible man -- living in the sky -- who watches everything you do, every minute of every day. And the invisible man has a special list of ten things he does not want You to do. And if you do any of these ten things, he has a special place, full of fire and smoke and burning and torture and anguish, where he will send you to live and suffer and burn and choke and scream and cry forever and ever 'til the end of time! But He loves you." - George Carlin

"My belief system is that when this is over, it's over. That you don't look down from heaven and wait for your loved ones to join you... your molecules continue and in due time become something else." - William Shatner

#3 How is my character affected?

Self Confidence, No Confidence, Worry, Anxiety, Stunted Growth Spiritually, Make yourself God, Judgmental, Unforgiving

#4 How is this affecting those closest to me?

Not honoring your Father in Heaven, Quenching the Holy Spirit, Fostering uncertainty and faithlessness, causing worry and anxiety, lack of trust due to wavering, Destroying your witness, Setting a bad example (Children – Most things are caught not taught.)

#5 Do I need to change my mindset about it? Am I guilty?

GET INTO THE WORD DAILY, THE WORD IS TRUTH. **Believe Genesis 1:1 the rest is easy then.** Get Real! Confess one to another, repent (180 degree turn) and pray for one another.

Brothers we believe that we live in such a time (and what a privilege it is) that we need to be awake, vigilante, sober and full of the Holy Spirit having our lamps full of oil and the extra oil ready to go. God has given us everything we need to walk after Him to love Him with all our heart mind soul and strength, to love one another, and serve His set apart ones. Let's go to the stream and be the ones that cup the water to our mouths to drink and not have our heads down in the water lapping like dogs. Let's be Mighty Men of Valor. (Judges 7)

1 Corinthians 10: 13

¹³No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.